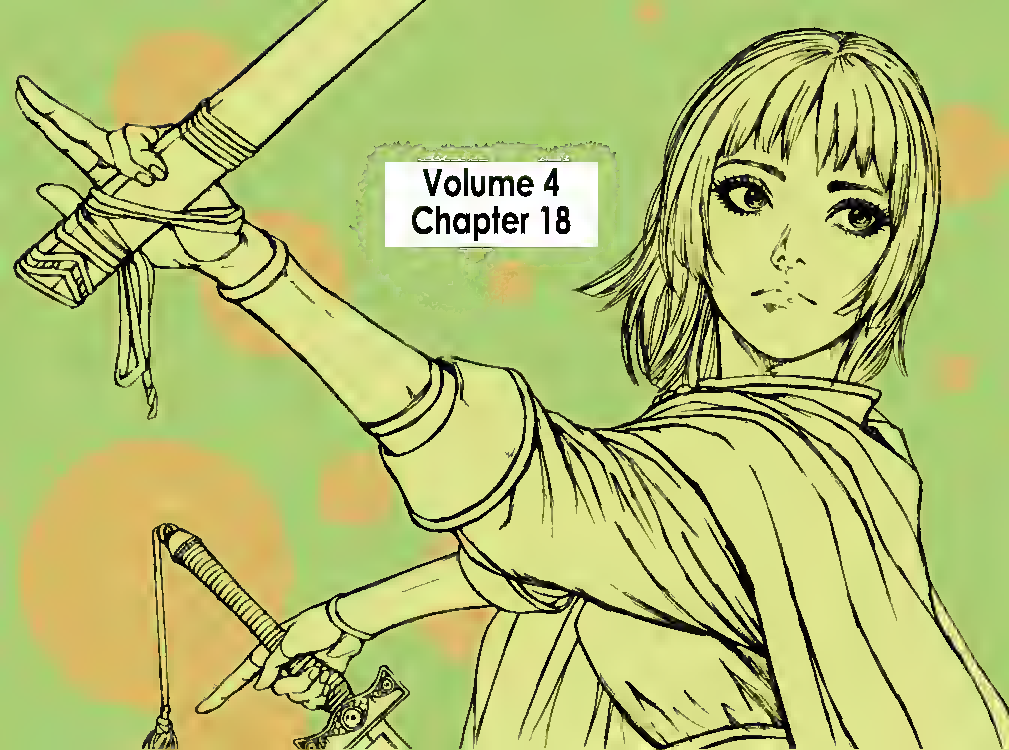
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YES, THANK YOU VERY MUCH
AND CALL ME WHEN YOU NEED SOMETHING
PLEASE MAKE YOURSELVES AT HOME IN THIS HUT
AH, EXCUSE ME
I'LL BE OFF THEN
OKAY
BUT I'M SURE IT WON'T TAKE TOO LONG
SORRY, I DON'T KNOW
WHEN DO YOU THINK WILL BAKI BE BACK?

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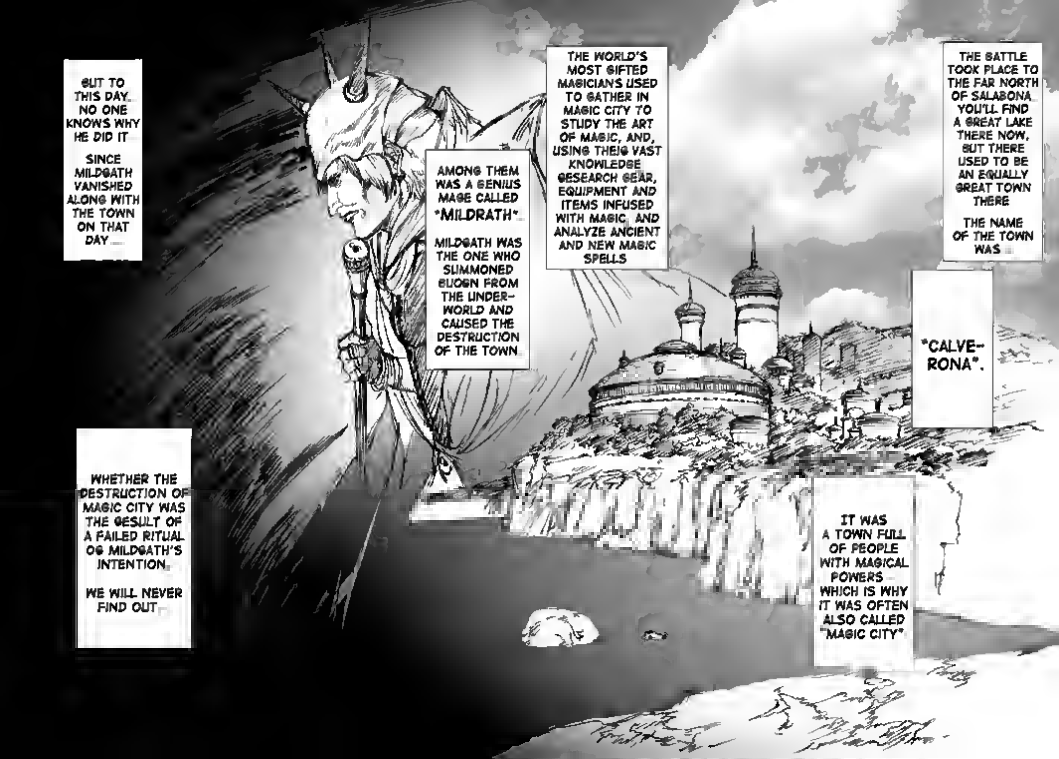
DUDY, YOU'RE TIRED, AREN'T YOU?
UH...
...
OH... ERR, WELL.
SORRY, JUST HAD A SUDDEN WAVE OF SLEEPI-NESS...
YOU SHOULD GO AHEAD AND GO TO BED THEN
THERE'S NO NEED TO WAIT FOR ME
NO! I'M FINE! I'LL WAIT FOR MR BAKI WITH YOU!!

ZZZ
ZZZ
HMM. WHAT DID SHE WANT TO TALK TO BAKI ABOUT .?
HOPE HE'LL COME BACK SOON ...
OH NO. I NEED SOME-THING TO EAT
!!
GROWL

IT'S VERY IMPOR-TANT
THERE'S SOMETHING WE MUST TELL YOU
BUT YOU HAD FINALLY FOUND A MEANING IN LIFE AT THE AGE OF 30, AND I COULDN'T BEAR THE THOUGHT OF ASKING YOU TO RISK IT ALL FOR THIS
I HAD DECIDED TO LEAVE YOU OUT OF THIS
ACTUALLY, I SHOULD HAVE TOLD YOU ABOUT THIS BEFORE I TAUGHT YOU EVERY-THING...
O OKAY
.....
WE NEED YOU NOW
HOWEVER, THE SITUA-TION HAS CHANGED
WE NEED THAT POWER OF YOURS

I'LL HAVE TO GO BACK IN TIME SO BEAR WITH ME HERE
YEAH JUST A BIT
WELL, I DON'T MIND HELPING OUT IF I CAN. BUT IT'S MORE COMPLICATED THAN THAT, RIGHT?
YOU NEED MY POWER?
LET ME TELL YOU AN OLD TALE...
A TALE ABOUT US
A HUNDRED YEARS AGO
WE WERE AMONG THE WARRIORS WHO FOUGHT BJORN THE BEHEMOOSE

LISTEN TO MY STORY FIRST
I'LL EXPLAIN THAT LATER
AH, OKAY
HOW OLD DOES THAT MAKE YOU!?
WAIT! A HUNDRED YEARS—?
SORRY, BUT YOU ALREADY LOST ME THERE
ONE DAY, BJORN SUDDENLY APPEARED ON EARTH
AS THE NAME SUGGESTS, BJORN THE BEHEMOOSE WAS A DEMON SO GIGANTIC IT TOUCHED THE SKY—


BUT TO THIS DAY, NO ONE KNOWS WHY HE DID IT
SINCE MILDGATH VANISHED ALONG WITH THE TOWN ON THAT DAY...
WHETHER THE DESTRUCTION OF MAGIC CITY WAS THE RESULT OF A FAILED RITUAL OR MILDGATH'S INTENTION.
WE WILL NEVER FIND OUT.
AMONG THEM WAS A GENIUS MAGE CALLED "MILDRATH".
MILDGATH WAS THE ONE WHO SUMMONED EUQON FROM THE UNDER-WORLD AND CAUSED THE DESTRUCTION OF THE TOWN.
THE WORLD'S MOST GIFTED MAGICIANS USED TO GATHER IN MAGIC CITY TO STUDY THE ART OF MAGIC, AND, USING THEIR VAST KNOWLEDGE RESEARCH GEAR, EQUIPMENT AND ITEMS INFUSED WITH MAGIC, AND ANALYZE ANCIENT AND NEW MAGIC SPELLS
IT WAS A TOWN FULL OF PEOPLE WITH MAGICAL POWERS WHICH IS WHY IT WAS OFTEN ALSO CALLED "MAGIC CITY".
THE BATTLE TOOK PLACE TO THE FAR NORTH OF SALABONA, YOU'LL FIND A GREAT LAKE THERE NOW, BUT THERE USED TO BE AN EQUALLY GREAT TOWN THERE
THE NAME OF THE TOWN WAS...
"CALVE-RONA".

WE FORMED A PARTY TO BATTLE THE DEMON BUORN.
I TOOK PRIDE IN HAVING REACHED THE LIMIT OF WHAT WAS HUMANLY POSSIBLE AT THE TIME.
EVEN SO, WE WERE NO MATCH FOR BUORN.
EVEN WITH THE HELP OF THE FAIRY KING, THE RULER OF THE LANDS, THE DRAGON GOD MASTER DRAGON, THE RULER OF THE SKIES, AND THE ZENITHIANS, WE WEREN'T ABLE TO DEFEAT BUORN.
OUR PARTY CONSISTED OF ME, NILAM, HIS TWIN BROTHER NITAK, BEATRIX WHO'S STANDING THERE, A MAGE CALLED RIGEL...
AND OUR MASTER, THE GREAT SAGE RUDOLPH, WHOSE SKILLS WERE SAID TO BE ON PAR WITH MILDRATH'S.

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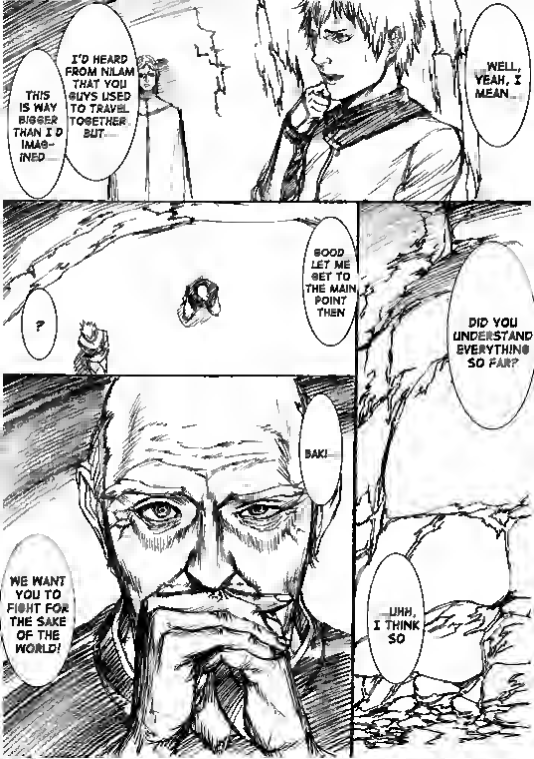
IT WAS A FIERCE BATTLE
PLACED IN A TIGHT SPOT, WE WERE FINALLY SAVED BY MASTER RUDOLPH'S FINAL RESORT
USING THE "FINAL KEY SPELL", HE SEALED BJORN AWAY IN A JAR

THE WORLD WAS SAVED
HOW-EVER
AND MASTER DRAGON FELL INTO A DEEP SLUMBER
THE FAIRY KING PASSED AWAY
THE FAIRY KING AND MASTER DRAGON HAD USED UP THEIR ENERGY
FINALLY US FIVE STUDENTS OF RUDOLPH WERE LEFT BEHIND WITH A DIFFICULT TASK
THE ZENITHIANS CRASHED DOWN ALONG WITH THEIR CASTLE, AND ARE STILL DORMANT TODAY
THE FAIRIES WERE SO SAD ABOUT THEIR KING'S DEATH THAT THEY ALL RETREATED DEEP INTO THE FOREST WHERE NO MAN CAN ENTER AND SEVERED ALL TIES WITH HUMANS FROM THEN ON
WELL IT WAS A MAN'S FAULT THEIR KING DIED—

WITH OUR CURRENT POWERS, WE WON'T BE ABLE TO BEAT THIS BEAST
THAT'S WHY I'M GOING TO SEAL HIM AWAY
HOWEVER, THE SEAL WON'T LAST FOREVER, BUT I WILL SACRIFICE MY LIFE TO MAKE IT LAST AS LONG AS POSSIBLE
MY PUPILS, PLEASE FIND A WAY TO DEFEAT HIM FOR GOOD UNTIL THIS SEAL BREAKS
I'LL BE COUNTING ON YOU!!!

AND LOOKED FOR A WAY TO DEFEAT BJORN AS PROMISED TO OUR MASTER... HUNDRED YEARS HAVE PASSED SINCE THEN... AND HERE WE ARE NOW
WE ASKED MASTER RUDOLPH'S CHILD TO LOOK AFTER THE JAR BJORN WAS SEALED IN
COUGH COUGH
YEAH, I THINK THAT'S ABOUT IT

BUT I'M REALLY ONLY ABOUT 70
IF YOU START COUNTING FROM THE YEAR I WAS BORN I GUESS I'M OVER 150...
YOU ASKED ME EARLIER HOW OLD I AM
EH ?
THERE'S A MAGIC SPELL CALLED "SANDS OF TIME"
IF YOU USE IT, YOU ARE ONLY ONE YEAR FOR EVERY FOUR
EVEN IF IT MEANT MAKING USE OF FORBIDDEN MAGIC
IN ORDER TO FIND A WAY TO DEFEAT BUORN
I DIDN'T HAVE A CHOICE BUT TO EXTEND MY LIFE
WHAT'S WRONG ? DO YOU FIND IT HARD TO BELIEVE?


WELL, YEAH, I MEAN...
I'D HEARD FROM NIAM THAT YOU GUYS USED TO TRAVEL TOGETHER BUT...
THIS IS WAY BIGGER THAN I'D IMAGINED...
DID YOU UNDERSTAND EVERYTHING SO FAR?
UHH, I THINK SO
GOOD. LET ME GET TO THE MAIN POINT THEN
?
BAK!
WE WANT YOU TO FIGHT FOR THE SAKE OF THE WORLD!

LIKE I SAID BEFORE, WE NEED YOUR POWER
PLEASE LEND US YOUR HELP
EH!?
WAIT A SECOND YOU'RE NOT SERIOUSLY ASKING ME TO FIGHT THAT RUORN DEMON YOUR MASTER SEALED AWAY WITH HIS LIFE, ARE YOU?
ERR—
SOME-THING ELSE? WHAT IS IT?
THERE'S SOMETHING ELSE WE WANT YOU TO TAKE CARE OF
ONE MORE THING?
WE ARE THERE'S ACTUALLY ONE MORE THING, BUT IT'S NOT TIME FOR IT YET—

I ASSUME YOU'RE INFORMED ABOUT THE CURRENT SITUATION IN GRANVANIA?
JUST A BIT...
THE INN OWNER TOLD ME THEY'RE AT WAR WITH THE DEMONS
HUH HOLD ON...
THE DEMONS HAVE BUILT A TOWER IN GRANVANIA TO CONQUER IT
THEY CALL IT DEMON'S TOWER
WHY AM I STILL LISTENING TO HIS TALK SO CALMLY...?
ONCE THE DEVICE INSIDE THE TOWER IS ACTIVATED, GRANVANIA WILL BE FLOODED BY MIASMA FROM THE UNDERWORLD AND SO UNDER
THE MIASMA WON'T STOP THERE THOUGH IT WILL EVENTUALLY ENGULF THE WHOLE WORLD
UNTIL EARTH BECOMES UNINHABITABLE FOR HUMANS
SO, BAK!
UMM...
WE WANT YOU TO...

DEFEAT THE DEMONS AND...
DESTROY THEIR TOWER
ERR UMM
LET'S SEE
WHAT THE FUCK !!?
TO SUM IT UP, THEY WANT ME TO GO TO GRANVANIA, BATTLE AN ARMY OF DEMONS, DESTROY SOME TROUBLESOME TOWER THEY'VE BUILT AND THEN DEFEAT A DEMON CALLED BUORN EVEN A GOD-LEVEL PARTY DIDN'T STAND A CHANCE AGAINST

Appendix:

Characters in chapter 1B:

Baki

Slan

Duxy

Chatelaine

Beatrix

Nitam

Nitak

Sypher

Rigel

The Fairy King

Rudalph

Master Dragan
(Zenith Dragan)

Mildrath
(Nimza)

Buarn
(Bjørn)

Lacatians in chapter 1B:

- Granvania (Gotha)
- Calverona (Sorceria)
- Demon's Tower (Knightmare Tower)